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Letter from Katherine Allen, West Newton, Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, 1900 January 24

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West Newton. Jan. 24. 1900.

Dear Miss Whitney -

I do not know what you may have heard from the Cambridge people, about Grandma but in case you have not heard within a few days, I must tell you that the improvement last week seems to have been only temporary. She has now no definite disease I think, but is very very weak, and growing weaker. Yesterday she had a serious attack of faintness, and though she rallied from that, I do not know how many more she could endure. She is as sweet and beautiful and patient as ever, and it is very hard

Madeline Allen
about 1864

To see her so uncomfortable
and helpless. If she must go,
I pray that she may not have
long to suffer, but she will take
half my life with her when she
goes -

Affectionately yours

Katherine Allen.